

New Family Resource Center in Huntington (Cabell County) at the Marvin Gray Family Life Center , Marcum Terrace

The Family Resource Center within Marcum Terrace provides services to all types of families living in and around Marcum Terrace public housing in an area of Huntington, WV known as Walnut Hills or Beverly Hills. It is sponsored by the Huntington WV Housing Authority. The Center is open Mondays through Fridays from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Offices are located on the main floor of the Marvin Gray Family Life Center at 816 Marcum Terrace, Huntington. This is a handicap accessible site.

The Huntington Housing Authority is most concerned about helping those families who face all sorts of stressors, who may feel stretched to the end of their limits. Raising children with special needs, children with a prior involvement with Child Protective Services; separated couples with children; custodial and non-custodial fathers; relatives raising grandchildren, children with incarcerated parents – they all deserve more support. We are committed to strengthening families by facilitating friendships and mutual support; strengthening parenting; responding to family crises; linking families to services and opportunities; facilitating children's social and emotional development; and responding to early warning signs of child abuse. Most importantly, we value and support parents. We are a Family-Centered Case Management Program.

Our goal is to reduce child abuse and neglect and improve children's behavior in a nurturing and effective manner. The lack of transportation to services is the most frequent reason cited by families who do not receive support services. The Family Resource Center offers a place and process where agencies can bring services to the client. A full-time experienced Case Manager coordinates the needs of children and families with agencies on site. A partial list of partner agencies include: Cabell County Schools; Cabell-Huntington Health Department; Cabell County Family Resource Network; Family Counseling Services (Goodwill); Pretera Community Mental Health; Pressley Ridge; Team for WV Children; Tri-State Literacy Council; St. John's House; WV Division of Rehabilitation Services and United Bank.

The Family Resource Center offers core services such as parent education sessions, wellness sessions, literacy education, child development activities, peer group meetings, life skills meetings; consumer workshops. Comprehensive services including assessments and individual and group treatment sessions are also held there. Families are always welcome to "drop in" for information and referral to any services the family may need at any time between 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The Foundation for the Tri-State Community, Inc. has awarded \$1,200 to equip the Parent Resource Room with computer access to locate on-line resources. A new Family Resource Center Advisory Council, made up of agency representatives and Marcum Terrace resident families, will get continuous feedback from all families in order to customize the variety of services offered to meet community needs. Contact the FRC at: 304-526-4471.